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Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations in Riverside on September 14, 2011

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced today that she will host a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at UC Riverside Extension Center.

What: Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations in Riverside

Where: UC Riverside Extension Center
Conference Rooms B and C
1200 University Ave.
Riverside, CA 92507
(Free Parking)

When: Wednesday, September 14, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Check-in: 8:30 a.m.)

Registration

Information: To register, call 888-847-9652 or register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm

This free tax seminar is for new and existing nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and individuals who want to learn about tax programs and get useful tax information for their organizations. This free seminar will provide on the spot answers to questions and expert led classes. Topics include sales and use tax information for nonprofits, property tax exemptions, regulations for charities and fundraisers, compliance and federal tax issues for exempt organizations, and employment taxes for nonprofit organizations.

For the invitation and map, visit www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/Riverside_invite_9-14-11_web.pdf

Editor's note: please listen to the two audio public service announcements (PSA) for this free seminar:

15-second audio PSA www.boe.ca.gov/news/Riverside_PSA_15Sec.mp3

30-second audio PSA www.boe.ca.gov/news/Riverside_PSA_30Sec.mp3

For all in-person seminars offered by BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm.

BOE also offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics, visit www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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